

STATEMENT OF WORK
Multi-Story Cropping (379)
West Virginia

These deliverables apply to this individual practice. For other planned practice deliverables refer to those specific Statements of Work.

DESIGN

Deliverables:

1. Design documents that demonstrate criteria in NRCS practice standard have been met and are compatible with planned and applied practices.
 - a. Practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan
 - b. List of required permits to be obtained by the client
 - c. Practice standard criteria-related computations and analyses to develop plans and specifications including but not limited to:
 - i. Analyses of compatibility of adapted and selected overstory and understory woody plant and non-woody plant species including computation of required canopy covers, by story or level, balanced to optimize health and growth to achieve intended purpose(s)
 - ii. Requirements for moisture conservation or supplemental watering, enhancement of habitat for beneficial insects (e.g, pollinators), minimization of pests, maintenance of soil organic matter, and erosion control.
 - iii. Analysis of required spacing between trees/shrubs to facilitate the use of machinery and equipment as appropriate
 - iv. Protective and maintenance measures for plants to assure desired function including use exclusion
 - v. Additional provisions to control site and soil damage during removal of any woody and non-woody plants
2. Written plans and specifications including sketches and drawings shall be provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to install the practice and obtain necessary permits.
3. Documentation of needed operation and maintenance.
4. Certification that the design meets practice standard criteria and comply with applicable laws and regulations.
5. Design modifications during installation as required.

Note: Design of practice will be in compliance with the conservation practice standard and applicable criteria for the appropriate purpose(s). Practice specification will include the information listed in the "Plans and Specifications" and "Operation and Maintenance" sections of the conservation practice standard. The design will document the client's decisions using a narrative and/or job sheet.

INSTALLATION

Deliverables

1. Pre-application conference with client.
2. Verification that client has obtained required permits.
3. Staking and layout according to plans and specifications including applicable layout notes.
4. Application guidance as needed.
5. Facilitate and implement required design modifications with client and original designer.
6. Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations and NRCS policies during installation.
7. Certification that the application process and materials meet design and permit requirements.

Note: Provide written documentation of any modification of the approved design. Certify that the modification meets the conservation practice standard on appropriate NRCS form and/or letter of certification as applicable. At a minimum, documentation will include quantities and amounts. The location of the applied practice will be identified on the conservation plan map.

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CHECK OUT

Deliverables

1. Records of application.
 - a. Extent of practice units applied
 - b. Actual plant materials used and applied
2. Certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits.
3. Progress reporting.

Note: Meet with the client to review conservation practice operation and maintenance requirements. Certify the conservation practice has been installed according to the conservation practice design and specifications using a letter or appropriate NRCS form.

REFERENCES

- Current West Virginia NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard – Multi-Story Cropping (379)
 - NRCS National Forestry Handbook (NFH)
 - NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
 - NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook
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